

**Fairfax-Falls Church Local Human Rights Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

August 9, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.  
Pennino Building / Human Services Center  
12011 Government Center Parkway  
Room 836 A

***Committee Members in Attendance:*** Loretta Redelman (Chair), Judy Regner, Betty Gardner, Wendy Keating, Thomas Williams

***Others in Attendance:*** Mike Webster (MVLE), Sarah Sinclair (ABC), Jim Copeland (ABC), Cinny Clausen (ABC), Sue Gross (ABC), Nicole Numbers (ABC), Kathy Chamountry (CRI), Chris Hollins (CRI), John Vick (CRI), Mike Morgan (CRI), Tim Simmons (HR Advocate), Lisa Blecker (LHRC Support)

The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Minutes from the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as submitted.

**I. Executive Session to Review Client Issues**

A motion was made, seconded and voted on to move into Executive Session to review client issues at 1:05 p.m. and the Committee came out of Executive Session at 3:50 p.m. Eight behavior plans were reviewed and accepted for three months with recommendations made for three plans. One recommendation was for one team to continue looking into assistive devices, another was for staff to discuss with one individual how his day went, and a final recommendation was for the plan to state that a physical restraint will be used “if all other procedures fail.”

Eight quarterly reports were submitted and all were accepted for three months. Recommendations/comments were made on six of the reports. These include a request for staff to clarify the incidents that require extra coffee or cigarettes, to type reports rather than submitting handwritten copies, to clarify if fading criteria was met, to request information about whether any noticeable changes were observed as a result of the discontinuation of Naltrexone, to ensure graphs are legible, and to clarify what happened in July to account for an increase in escort/assistance in the vehicle.

**II. Committee Business Session**

The committee reviewed the follow-up report from MVLE dated July 14 regarding an individual who left on the wrong transportation and a notice of public hearing and public comment on proposed fee changes.

### **III. Advocate's Report**

Tim Simmons discussed that the concerns that have been raised about Logisticare and Metro Access are being discussed at meetings that occur every six weeks and Deb Lochart is attending these meetings. Since transportation is not a licensed service, Human Rights has no jurisdiction over the transportation providers. Tim has begun visiting providers affiliated with Fairfax-Falls Church LHRC and one of the questions he asks is how people are holding transportation providers accountable. He has seen different issues emerging on transportation. A copy of the DMAS Complain Form was distributed to LHRC members.

The Human Rights regulations have been approved and will go out for public comment approximately September 18 through November 17. A formal announcement is due out within 10 days.

There has been discussion that State Facilities are looking at "No Smoking". Questions have been raised from a staff and client perspective about what to put in place for smokers going through "withdrawal" and from a rights perspective.

LifeLine submitted a copy of their revised policies and procedures. Tim will send a letter to the program informing them of criteria they still have not complied with as requested by the LHRC.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 836 A of the Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax County Government Center Complex.